

introduces the risk of corrosion on these two parts, thereby exacerbating concerns of prolonged structural integrity. To counter this problem, the doubler-strap is coated with a protective coating that is a heat-cured ceramic powder coating, either Midrofin Allseal or preferably SermeTel ® 5380DP, and the filler-straps are coated with an alodine conversion coating and then a primer coat. This effectively eliminates direct contact between the dissimilar metals, and, furthermore, decreases the risk of corrosion arising from salt water environments. Furthermore, the aluminum filler-strap, which is more easily replaceable than the doubler-strap, will corrode before the doubler-strap.

In the Claims:

Please amend **Claim 1** as follows:

1     1. A modification kit for retrofitting a wing spar on an amphibious airplane, said  
2     airplane having a root rib, and said wing spar comprising a wing-spar cap angle that  
3     is attached to a wing spar web, said wing spar web having an upper edge and a  
4     lower edge and an inboard end that attaches to said root rib, a first series of wing-  
5     attach bolt-holes that is provided in said upper edge and a second series of wing-  
6     attach bolt-holes that is provided in said lower edge of said wing spar web, wherein  
7     said root rib is angled relative to a vertical plane of said amphibious airplanes, and  
8     wherein said inboard end of said wing spar has an inboard-end angle that  
9     corresponds to an angle of said root rib, said modification kit comprising:  
10       an upper doubler-strap and an upper filler-strap;  
11       a lower doubler-strap and a lower filler-strap; and  
12       a plurality of wing-spar attachment-bolts;  
13       wherein each said upper filler-strap and each said upper doubler-strap have  
14       a third series of wing-attach bolt-holes that corresponds precisely with a first series  
15       of wing-attach bolt-holes in an upper edge of a wing spar web, and said lower filler-

16 strap and said lower doubler-strap have a fourth series of wing-attach bolt-holes that  
17 corresponds precisely with a second series of wing-attach bolt-holes in a lower edge  
18 of said wing spar;  
19 wherein said upper and said lower doubler-straps have a doubler-protective-  
20 coating and said upper and said lower filler-straps have a filler-protective-coating,  
21 and  
22 wherein said upper doubler-strap has an upper inboard-end angle and said  
23 lower doubler-strap has a lower inboard end angle.

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1 2 3 7. The kit of **Claim 1**, wherein said doubler-protective coating is a powder  
coating that is heat-cured to form a ceramic coating.

